

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MEETING OF THE
CALIFORNIA INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 25, 2005
California Department of Consumer Affairs
400 R Street, First Floor Hearing Room
Sacramento, California

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Victor Weisser, Chair
Paul Arney
Dennis DeCota
John Hisserich
Bruce Hotchkiss
Gideon Kracov
Judith Lamare
Robert Pearman
Jeffrey Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tyrone Buckley

ALSO PRESENT:

Rocky Carlisle, Executive Officer
Lynn Forsyth, Administrative Staff

MOTIONS:

1. At the request of Chairman Weisser, the Committee unanimously adopted the minutes from the November 23, 2004 meeting of the IMRC.
2. Moved by Committee Member DeCota and seconded by Committee Member Hisserich that the Committee send a letter to Chief Richard Ross of BAR, urging a process that provides a full understanding of all of the ramifications of the referee reorganization plan and impacts to the regulated community and the public at large. (Copy of letter is to be sent to Mr. Jack O'Connell, Superintendent of Public Instruction).

VOTE: Unanimous. Motion carried.

3. Moved by Committee Member Pearman and seconded by Committee Member DeCota to modify the draft IMRC report entitled *Review of the Smog Check Program 2004* clearly indicating consumer choice of Smog Check station types if they are selected for an annual Smog Check inspection under either recommendation three or four of the IMRC Report.

VOTE: 8 Ayes 1 Opposed (Committee Member Williams) Motion carried.

4. Moved by Chairman Weisser and seconded by Committee Member Hotchkiss to include all comments to the draft IMRC report entitled *Review of the Smog Check Program 2004* received by the Committee.

VOTE: Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. Moved by Chair Weisser and seconded by Committee Member Lamare to modify the section of the draft IMRC report entitled *Quantifying the Emission Reductions* to suggest that a statistically valid sample of tests be conducted with the “fast pass” provision turned off to improve emission reduction analysis.

VOTE: Unanimous. Motion carried.

6. At the request of Chairman Weisser the Committee unanimously adopted the IMRC report entitled *Review of the Smog Check Program 2004*.

7. Moved by Committee Member Lamare and seconded by Committee Member DeCota to adjourn.

VOTE: Unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Mr. Carlisle, Executive Officer, gave a brief activity report to the Committee which included the completion of the IMRC report, the office move to 1001 I Street and the pending completion of the consumer information survey being conducted by the Form 10 Group.
2. Mr. Rick Escalambre of Skyline College, provided the Committee with an update on the referee program and the benefits it provides to the community, the college, and consumers. Mr. Dick Ross, Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, continued the discussion with the background related to the referee program from the State’s perspective.
3. The Committee discussed the various comments received on the draft IMRC report from government agencies, the Smog Check industry, and the general public.

4. The Committee discussed issues to be included in the next IMRC Report targeted for completion by June 2005. The topics include:
 - a) Dr. Williams' analysis and comparison of certain aspects of the performance of Test-Only, Test-and-Repair, and Gold Shield Smog Check stations;
 - b) The consumer information survey being conducted by the Form 10 Group;
 - c) An analysis of the proper organizational placement of the Smog Check program, i.e. are the objectives of the program best met by having the responsibility for its administration reside in DCA/BAR, the ARB or some combination of these or other organizations;
 - d) Evaluation of more stringent NO_x cut points; and,
 - e) Exploring the possibility for establishing a standard methodology to be used for evaluating the Smog Check program in the future.